# **Charles Franklin Key**

Charles Franklin Key was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	59
Rank	Co-pilot
Classification	Career
Incident date	Jun 27, 1998
Date of death	Jun 27, 1998
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

#### **Neptune Aviation Services**

5225 Highway 10 West Missoula Airport Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Mark Timmons

# **Jerry David Donahue**

Jerry David Donahue was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	57
Rank	Pilot
Classification	Career
Incident date	Jun 27, 1998
Date of death	Jun 27, 1998
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

### **Department information**

#### **Neptune Aviation Services**

5225 Highway 10 West Missoula Airport Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Mark Timmons

# Robert E. Kelly

Robert E. Kelly was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	58
Rank	Aerial Firefighter/Chief Pilot
Classification	Career
Incident date	Jul 29, 1994
Date of death	Jul 29, 1994
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Burns
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

#### **U.S. Forest Service, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot**

Missoula International Airport 5225 Hwy 10 West, Box 17 Missoula, MT 59802

Contact: Mark Timmons (Neptune Inc. - Contract)

# Randy C. Lynn

Randy C. Lynn was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	44
Rank	Aerial Firefighter/Co-pilot
Classification	Career
Incident date	Jul 29, 1994
Date of death	Jul 29, 1994
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Burns
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

#### U.S. Forest Service, Missoula Aerial Fire Depot

Missoula International Airport 5225 Hwy 10 West, Box 17 Missoula, MT 59802

Contact: Mark Timmons (Neptune,Inc. - Contract)

# **Donald K Mackey**

Donald K Mackey was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	34
Rank	Smokejumper
Classification	Career
Incident date	Jul 6, 1994
Date of death	Jul 6, 1994
Cause of death	Caught or Trapped
Nature of death	Burns
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

**U.S. Forest Service** 

Missoula, MT

## **Frank Funston**

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	47
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Aug 27, 2000 10:00
Date of death	Aug 29, 2000
Cause of death	
Nature of death	
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

Kootenai National Forest 1101 US Hwy. #2 West Libby, MT 59923

Contact: Bob Castaneda

# David Ray Rendek, Jr.

David Ray Rendek, Jr. was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	24
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Career
Incident date	Sep 3, 2001 10:15
Date of death	Sep 3, 2001
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Support
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

### **Department information**

#### **Bitterroot National Forest**

1801 North First Hamilton, MT 59840-3114

Contact: Spike Thompson, Dep. Forest Supervisor

# Joan Esther Spear

Joan Esther Spear was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	46
Rank	Senior Engine Boss
Classification	Career
Incident date	Mar 18, 2002 12:15
Date of death	Mar 18, 2002
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Cerebrovascular Accident
Activity type	Fitness Activity
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Training
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

MT DNRC Fire and Aviation Mgmt, Dillon Unit MT DNRC Dillon Unit 730 North Montana Street Dillon, MT 59725

Contact: Bobb Lawrence

# **Corey R Clawson**

Corey R Clawson was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland .

Age	33
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Aug 28, 1992
Date of death	Aug 28, 1992
Cause of death	Struck By
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	On-Scene Fire

Fixed property use

## **Department information**

**Libby Volunteer Fire Department** 

Libby, MT

## William Richard Grudzinski

William Richard Grudzinski was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	46
Rank	Assistant Chief
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Jun 8, 2004 19:30
Date of death	Jun 8, 2004
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Fitness Activity
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Training
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

#### Memorial fund information:

In memory of Assistant Chief Willie Grudzinski, C/o Bridger Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 60, Bridger, MT 59014

## **Department information**

**Bridger Volunteer Fire Department** PO Box 60

Bridger, MT 59104

Contact: Vern Adkins

## **Michael James MacDonald**

Michael James MacDonald was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	26
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Wildland Part-Time
Incident date	Jun 27, 2008 15:48
Date of death	Jun 29, 2008
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Other On-Duty
Fixed property use	N/A

## **Department information**

Chief Mountain Interagency HotShot Crew Blackfeet Tribe PO Box 850 Browning, MT 59417

Contact: Superintendent Lyle St. Goddard

## **Calvin Gene Wahlstrom**

Calvin Gene Wahlstrom was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	61
Rank	Chief Pilot
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Sep 1, 2008 18:10
Date of death	Sep 1, 2008
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

### **Department information**

**Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.** 

1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978

Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Chief Executive Officer Mark Timmons

# **Gregory Jess Gonsioroski**

Gregory Jess Gonsioroski was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	41
Rank	First Officer - Pilot
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Sep 1, 2008 18:10
Date of death	Sep 1, 2008
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

**Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.** 

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Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Chief Executive Officer Mark Timmons

# Zachary Jake VanderGriend

Zachary Jake VanderGriend was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	25
Rank	Crew Chief - Mechanic
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Sep 1, 2008 18:10
Date of death	Sep 1, 2008
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Riding Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

### **Department information**

**Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.** 

1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978

Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Chief Executive Officer Mark Timmons

# **Jerry James Parrick**

Jerry James Parrick was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	59
Rank	Firefighter
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Dec 17, 2008 11:48
Date of death	Dec 17, 2008
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Scene Safety
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Non-Fire
Fixed property use	Street/Road

Memorial fund information: Unknown.

### **Department information**

West End Volunteer Fire and Rescue Box 110 De Borgia, MT 59830

Contact: Bruce Charles

## **Thomas Lowell Risk**

Thomas Lowell Risk was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	66
Rank	Captain/Pilot
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Apr 25, 2009 10:00
Date of death	Apr 25, 2009
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

#### Memorial fund information:

Cards and letters may be sent for the Risk Family, Flynn Family, and Buss Family, c/o Neptune Aviation Services, Inc., 2 Corporate Way Missoula, MT 59808. A "Brian Buss Memorial Fund" has been established for his two daughters at the First National Bank of Montana, 201 N. Higgins Ave., Missoula, MT 59802, Tele: (877) 362-6752.

### **Department information**

#### **Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.**

1 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978

Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: President Kristen Schloemer Nicolarsen

## Michael Wayne Flynn

Michael Wayne Flynn was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	59
Rank	First Officer/Copilot
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Apr 25, 2009 10:00
Date of death	Apr 25, 2009
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

#### Memorial fund information:

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Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: President Kristen Schloemer Nicolarsen

## **Brian Joseph Buss**

Brian Joseph Buss was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	32
Rank	Crew Chief
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Apr 25, 2009 10:04
Date of death	Apr 25, 2009
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

#### Memorial fund information:

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### **Department information**

**Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.** 

2 Corporate Way USNG: 11T QM 2256 9978

Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: President Kristen Schloemer Nicolarsen

# **Todd Neal Tompkins**

Todd Neal Tompkins was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	48
Rank	Captain
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Jun 3, 2012 14:00
Date of death	Jun 3, 2012
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

Memorial fund information: Pending

### **Department information**

**Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.** 

1 Corporate Way Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Chief Executive Officer Kristen Nicolarsen

## **Ronnie Edwin Chambless**

Ronnie Edwin Chambless was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	40
Rank	First Officer
Classification	Wildland Contract
Incident date	Jun 3, 2012 14:00
Date of death	Jun 3, 2012
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	On-Scene Fire
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

**Neptune Aviation Services, Inc.** 

1 Corporate Way Missoula, MT 59808

Contact: Chief Executive Officer Kristen Nicolarsen

# **Remy Hathaway Pochelon**

Remy Hathaway Pochelon was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	54
Rank	Fire Management Officer
Classification	Wildland Part-Time
Incident date	Sep 30, 2009
Date of death	Sep 30, 2009
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Cerebrovascular Accident
Activity type	Other
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	After
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property

## **Department information**

**U.S. Forest Service** 

Philipsburg, MT

## **Todd Allen Rummel**

Todd Allen Rummel was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	43
Rank	Fire Chief
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Jun 19, 2014 21:00
Date of death	Jun 19, 2014
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	Other On-Duty
Fixed property use	Street/Road

## **Department information**

#### **Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department**

PO Box 444, 13 East Date ST U.S. National Grid: 12T VR 5720 8220 Three Forks, MT 59752

Contact: Keith Aune

# **Douglas James Casson**

Douglas James Casson was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	46
Rank	Safety Officer
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Aug 6, 2014 02:00
Date of death	Aug 6, 2014
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion
Nature of death	Heart Attack
Activity type	Not On Scene
Emergency duty	No
Duty type	After

Fixed property use

## **Department information**

Vaughn Rural Volunteer Fire Department 380 Post Avenue Vaughn, MT 59487

Contact: Jason McAllister

## Dave "Chief 5" Anderson

Dave "Chief 5" Anderson was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	66
Rank	Fire Chief
Classification	Volunteer
Incident date	Jul 22, 2014 10:00
Date of death	Aug 25, 2014
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft
Nature of death	Trauma
Activity type	Driving/Operating Vehicle/Apparatus
Emergency duty	Yes
Duty type	Responding
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Fixed property use

## **Department information**

#### **Fort Shaw Fire Department**

P.O. Box #68, 140 Campbell Street U.S. National Grid: 12T VT 387 620 Fort Shaw, MT 59443

Contact: Assist Chief/Acting Chief Craig Askeland

## **Justin Randall Beebe**

Justin Randall Beebe was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	26	
Rank	Firefighter	
Classification	Wildland Full-Time	
Incident date	Aug 13, 2016 16:00	
Date of death	Aug 13, 2016	
Cause of death	Struck By	
Nature of death	Trauma	
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)	
Emergency duty	Yes	
Duty type	On-Scene Fire	
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property	

## **Department information**

United States Forest Service – Lolo National Forest 24 Fort Missoula Road U.S. National Grid: 11T QM 24 92 Missoula, MT 59804

Contact: Forest Supervisor Tim Garcia

# Darryl "Poor Boy" Elden Vielle

Darryl "Poor Boy" Elden Vielle was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	51		
Rank	Crew Boss/Engine Boss		
Classification	Wildland Part-Time		
Incident date	Nov 30, 2016 08:00		
Date of death	Nov 30, 2016		
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion		
Nature of death	Heart Attack		
Activity type	Not On Scene		
Emergency duty	No		
Duty type	Other On-Duty		

Fixed property use

## **Department information**

#### **Blackfeet Forestry and Fire Management**

BIA Building 10 (Fire Cache) Grandpa Rd POB 2804 U.S. National Grid: 12U UU 5155 8075 Browning, MT 59417

Contact: Fire Management Officer Chris Trombley

## **Brent Michael Witham**

Brent Michael Witham was honored on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	29	
Rank	Firefighter	
Classification	Wildland Full-Time	
Incident date	Aug 2, 2017	
Date of death	Aug 2, 2017	
Cause of death	Struck By	
Nature of death	Trauma	
Activity type	Advance Hose Lines/Fire Attack (includes Wildland)	
Emergency duty	Yes	
Duty type	On-Scene Fire	
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property	

## **Department information**

#### **U.S. Forest Service**

Northern Region (R1) 26 Fort Missoula Road Missoula, MT 59804

Contact: Thomas L. Tidwell

# Tom ""Tommy"" O. Martin

Tom ""Tommy"" O. Martin was included in the USFA's annual report Firefighter Fatalities in the United States.

Age	61		
Rank	Fire Chief		
Classification	Volunteer		
Incident date	Aug 18, 2017		
Date of death	Aug 19, 2017		
Cause of death	Stress/Overexertion		
Nature of death	Heart Attack		
Activity type	Unknown		
Emergency duty	No		
Duty type	After		
Fixed property use	Store/Office		

## **Department information**

**Black Eagle Volunteer Fire Department** 519 21st NE (Box 533) Black Eagle, MT 59414

Contact: Mike Deshayes

# **Thomas Mark Duffy**

Fatality status is provisional and may change as USFA contacts State Fire Marshals to verify fatality incident information.

Age	40	
Rank	Pilot	
Classification	Wildland Contract	
Incident date	Aug 24, 2020 16:00	
Date of death	Aug 24, 2020	
Cause of death	Vehicle Collision - Includes Aircraft	
Nature of death	Trauma	
Activity type	Water Supply	
Emergency duty	Yes	
Duty type	On-Scene Fire	
Fixed property use	Outdoor Property	

## **Department information**

Central Copters, Inc.

191 Aviation Ln Belgrade, MT 59714

Contact: Mark Duffy, Owner